

AGENDA: January 27, 2004

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CATEGORY: Items Initiated by Council

DEPT.: City Council

TITLE: Adobe Building Rental Charges—
Proposed Fee Waiver for Mountain View
Historical Association

RECOMMENDATION

Waive all City fees, excluding janitorial and insurance costs, associated with the Mountain View Historical Association's use of the Adobe Building for its quarterly meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT

The value of the Adobe Building usage fees proposed for waiver is \$2,100 per year.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In recognition of the Mountain View Historical Association's (Association) long-standing role as an invaluable historical resource to the community and the volunteer hours provided by three Association members to staff the History Center at the Mountain View Public Library, I recommend that the Association be allowed to continue its quarterly Sunday meetings at the Adobe Building free of charge. Janitorial costs at the City's contracted rate would not be waived (approximately \$200 a year) nor would insurance fees (approximately \$330 a year).

Other lower- or no-cost facility location and use time options have been offered to the Association. However, the Association has indicated its preference to continue its quarterly meetings at the Adobe Building on Sunday afternoons because of its long-standing connection to and relationship with the Adobe Building. It was the Association that campaigned and lobbied for the restoration of the Building.

While the building usage fees represent a very small part of the City's annual revenues, they represent a significant additional expense to the Association. The Association's use of the Adobe Building is essentially a partial payment for the time provided by the Association to staff the History Center at the Mountain View Public Library.

In recognition of the Association's past and ongoing contributions to the community, continuing the fee waiver for the Association's use of the Adobe Building (except for janitorial and insurance fees) is appropriate.

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